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Dear Mr. Lee:

Thank you for meeting with Guy Watts and I on 16 February to discuss issues raised by your letter to me of 12 February regarding the criminal investigation into the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King.

During our meeting, we provided members of your staff with copies of the documents you requested as delineated at paragraph 3, section A, items 1-8 of your letter. As we explained during our meeting, documents 3 and 4 have been lightly redacted to remove classified information. All of the documents we provided contain information from Privacy Act systems of records and should be maintained consistent with the requirements of the Privacy Act.

We continue to address your request for the documents at paragraph 3, section B of your letter and will respond as soon as possible.

With regard to your request at paragraph 3, section C, we agreed that CIA will attempt to locate the CIA officers who conducted the polygraph examinations in question, and will work with members of your staff to further familiarize them with the results of those tests.

We agreed that should the Department propose to include within a public report of its investigation any information from CIA Privacy Act systems of records, the Department will coordinate with CIA in advance of any such publication to resolve any issues concerning compliance with the requirements of the Privacy Act.

Finally, we addressed other issues relating to the criminal investigation. We will work with members of your staff to resolve these issues to our mutual satisfaction.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Caudle
Associate General Counsel